IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 3 OF 2005

Kanta Talkatkar .... Petitioner

Versus

State of Goa and Ors. ... Respondents.
Ms. A. Desai, *amicus curiae,* for the petitioner.
Ms. W.Coutinho, Additional Public Prosecutor, for the State.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J., &**
N.A. BRITTO, J.
DATE: **MARCH 17, 2005**

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This is a petition for pre-mature release of the petitioner, who has been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. According to the petitioner, he has already undergone 17 years of imprisonment. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that recommendations have already been forwarded by the Advisory Board to the Government on 30th July, 2004. The matter is pending before the State Government. We direct the State Government to decide the case of petitioner's premature release by a reasoned order within four weeks from today. We also direct the State Government to inform the petitioner about this order. No further directions are necessary. This petition is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

N.A. BRITTO,J.